(d) if so, what action is being taken to make the wasteland development programmes successsful in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAO RAM SINGH): (a) to (b) The Department of Wastelands Development have recently set up a High Level Committee on Development of non forest wastelands under the Chairmanship of Shri Mohan Dharia. The Terms of Reference of this Committee are:

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(i) Evolve a comprehensive strategy and action plan for the development of wastelands is non-forest areas with reference to a time frame of 10—15 years;

(ii) Assess the level of financial resources required and suggest the ways and means and source of raising them;

(iii) Indicate the prespective roles of the central and State Governments and their Departments Panchayati Raj Institutions, Voluntary Agencies, the corporate sector and the financial institutions/banks in the development of non forest wastelands;

(iv) suggest the specific policy initiatives which the Department of Wastgelands Development may take in pursuance of the mandate given to it.

(v) broadly outline the mechanisms through which the NWDB may seek to implement the strategy and action plan proposed for the development of non-forest wastelands.

The Committee is yet to submit its report. However, the department has not received any report from an expert group on wastelands development since its inception in July, 1992.

(c) and (d) Development of wastelands is a difficult & continuous process. Most projects approved by the National Wastelands Development Board are to be implemented in periods ranging from three to five years. Sometimes because of non-availability of land or drought conditions funds cannot be utilised in a particular year. In such cases the funds do not lapse but are carried forward for utilization in the next year.

The Board is releasing funds under the Integrated Wastelands Development Project Schemes largely to the District Rural Development. Agencies and not to the State Government. Under the Grant-in-Aid Scheme, funds are released to voluntary agencies whereas under the Technology Developments, Extension & Training Scheme, it is released mainly to State Agricultural Universities and Central/State Research Institutions. However, to ensure proper utilisation of funds. The State Governments have been requested to set up a State Level Monitoring & Review committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief secretary/ Secretary (Rural Development) to have an indepth review of progress of the Integrated Wastelands development Project Schemes.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission's project for rural development

4851. **SHRI VIRAN J. SHAH:**
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) what are the details of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission's project for rural development launched on the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi;

(b) what are the basic objectives of the project and what strategy has been evolved to achieve those objectives;

(c) what will be the total requirements of funds for this project and how it will be funded and what are the details of the rural development projects, State-wise; and

(d) what criteria has been evolved by the Ministry for the selection of blocks under their assured employment scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) A special employment programme to be taken up in 125 RPDS blocks throughout the country for intensive development of Khadi and Village Industries was launched on the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

(b) The basic objective of the project is to create employment for 1000 persons per block. The Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) will implement the programme through their registered institutions. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has so far identified 108 RPDS blocks where this programme is to be implemented.

(c) A total funds of Rs. 375 crores is involved out of which 1/3rd i.e. Rs. 125 crores is likely to be provided through budgetary support during the remaining part of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The remaining 2/3rd will be met through bank finance and DRDA support. List of 108 blocks State-wise is enclosed as Annexure-I. A list of illustrative projects under the scheme is enclosed as II.

(d) The criteria adopted for selection of blocks under the Assured Employment Scheme is as follows:—

(i) Gross value of agriculture production divided by total number of workers in agricultural and allied sectors.

(ii) Flood affected areas as a percentage of gross cropped area.

(iii) Gross cropped areas divided by number of workers in agricultural and allied activities.

(iv) A composite index giving 70% weightage to gross cropped areas divided by number of workers in agricultural and allied activities and 30% weightage to SC/ST population as a proportion of the total population.

(v) Blocks covered under ITDP, DPAP, DDP and selected under the Revamped Public Distribution System.

Statement I

Statewise List of Blocks Approved Sofar

S.No.	STATE	DISTRICTS	BLOCKS
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Chittoor	1. Madanapalli
		2. Prakasam	2. Kanigiri
		3. Mahaboob Nagar	3. Achamet
		4. Anantapur	4. Madakasira
		5. Ranga Reddy	5. Ibrahim Patnam
		6. Warangal	6. Mahaboobabad
		7. Cuddapah	7. Pulivendala
	Visha (R.O.)	8. Srikakulam	8. Kasibugga
		9. West Godawari	9. Polavaram
		10. Visakapatnam	10. Paderu
2.	Assam	1. Kamrup	1. Rangia
		2. Dibrugarh	2. Kokopathar
		3. Darrang	3. Udalgari
		4. Goalpara	4. Matia
		5. Lakhimpur	5. Bihpuria

S.No.	STATE	DISTRICTS	BLOCKS
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1. Lower Subansir	1. Kimindoimukh
4	Bihar	1. Dumka	1. Jama
		2. Rohtas	2. Chanari
		3. Sahabaganj	3. Borio
		4. Jamui	4. Lakshmipur
	Ranchi(R.O.)	5. Ranchi	5. Bero
		6. West Singhbum	6. Chaibasa
5.	Gujarat	1. Valsad	1. Dharampur
		2. Surat	2. Palsana
		3. Rajkot	3. Jasdan
		4. Sabarkantha	4. Megraj
		5. Bhavnagar	5. Savarkundla
		6. Surendra Nagar	6. Desada
6.	Haryana	1. Hissar	1. Adampur
		2. Mahindragarh	2. Mangal Choudhari
		3. Yamunanagar	3. Jagadhari (NRPDS)
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1. Shimla	1. Rampur (NRPDS)
		2. kangra	2. Paragpur
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1. Udampur	1. Reasi
9.	Karnatak	1. Gulbarga	1. Aland
		2. Belgaum	2. Athani
		3. Mysure	3. Malandu
		4. Chitradugra	4. Holakere
		5. Bidar	5. Basavakalyana
		6. Raichur	6. Kustagi
10.	Kerala	1. Trivandrum	1. Perunkadawala
		2. Malapuram	2. Vellanad
		3. Trissur	3. Wandoor
			4. Pazhayanur
11.	Maharastra	1. Solapur	1. Mangalwodha
		2. Beed	2. Kej
		3. Nasik	3. Malegaon
		4. Pune	4. Junnar
	Wardha (R.O.)	5. Bhandara	5. Salokasa
		6. Nagpur	6. Ramtek
		7. Yavatmal	7. Kalamb
		8. Amiavathi	8. Chikhaldhara
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1. Raipur	1. Mainipur
		2. Hoshangabad	2. Harda
		3. Morena	3. Vijaypur
		4. Devas	4. Bagli
		5. Bilaspur	5. Pali
		6. Balaghat	6. Kota
		7. Ratlam	7. Baihar
		8. Chindwara	8. Bajana
		9. Sidhi	9. Chaurai
		10. Raigarh	10. Kusmi

S.No.	STATE	DISTRICTS	BLOCKS
		11. Bastar	11. Gharghada
		12. Khargoan	12. Jagadalpur
		13. Durg	13. Pansemal
		14. Guna	14. Baldo
			15. Chachoda
13.	Nagaland	1. Kohima	1. Medziphema
14.	Rajasthan	1. Badmer	1. Balothare
	Bikaner(R.O.)	2. Bikaner	2. Kolayat
			3. Bikaner
	Jaipur(S.O.)	3. Churu	4. Tarenagar
		4. Dungarpur	5. Simalwara
		5. Jaisalmer	6. Sam
		6. Sikar	7. Neem Ka Thana
15	Tamil Nadu	1. Kamarajar	1. Nirikudi
		2. Chidambharnar	2. Vilathikulam
		3. P.M. Thevar	3. Singampunari
	Madurai(R.O.)	4. Dharmapuri	4. Bargur
		5. North Arcot (Ambedkar)	5. Jawadu Hills
16.	Uttar Pradesh	1. Nainital	1. Gadarpur
	Haldwani (R.O.)	2. Almora	2. Takula
		3. Pithoragarh	3. Pati
	Lucknow (S.O.)	4. Jhansi	4. Mauranipur
		5. Hamirpur	5. Charkhari
		6. Lalitpur	6. Birdha
		7. Kheri	7. Bijua
		8. Bhanda	8. Manikpur
	Dehradun (R.O.)	9. Chamoli	9. Ukhimat
	Varenasi (R.O.)	10. Mirzapur	10. Channbey
17.	Punjab	1. Sangrur	1. Lehragaga (NRPDS)
18.	Orissa	1. Sambalpur	1. Paikamal
		2. Balasore	2. Nilagiri
		3. Mayurbhanj	3. Badasahi
		4. Koraput	4. Laximipur
		5. Keonjhar	5. Ghatgam
		6. Boudh	6. Kantamal
19.	Tripura	1. West Tripura	1. Mohanpur
20.	West Bengal	1. Bankura	1. Ranibandh
		2. Midnapur	2. Jhargram
		3. Purulia	3. Raghunathpur-1
		4. Murshidabad	4. Dagardighi
		5. Burdwan	5. Ausgram-1
		6. Malda	6. Habibpur
		7. Uttar Dinajpur	7. Karandighi
		8. 24. Parganas(S)	8. Canning
		9. Jalpaiguri	9. Alipurdwar
21.	Meghalaya	1. West Garo Hills	1. Sel Sella

Statement II

List of Illustrative Projects under the Scheme

1. Cottage Match
2. Manufacture of Fireworks
3. Manufacture of Agarbattis
4. Non edible oils and soap industry
5. Leather products industry
6. Village pottery industry
7. Ghani Oil Industry
8. Handmade paper
9. Manufacture of canegur and Khandsari
10. Palm gur making and other palm-based products.
11. Manufacture of katha, gum resin and other products from forest products.
12. Processing of cereals and pulses.
13. Post-harvest handling of primary produce
14. Processing, preservation and canning of fruits and vegetables.
15. Bakery and confectionery
16. Processing of honey
17. Handlooms
18. Handicrafts
19. Khadi (Cotton, Wollen and Silk)
20. Coir products.
21. Flaying, curing and tanning of hides and skins.
22. Silk spinning and weaving.
23. Lime stone, Lime shell and other Lime products industry.
24. Manufacture of household articles made of wood and iron.
25. Manufacture of household utensils in Aluminium.
26. Manufacture of shell
27. Manufacture of Lokvastra Cloth
28. Manufacture of Polyvastra
29. Bamboo and cane industry
30. Sericulture

मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए बंजर भूमि विकास योजनाएं

1852. श्री एस. एस. सुरजेवालाः क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश में कोई बंजर भूमि विकास योजना आरंभ की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इन राज्यों की बंजर भूमि से अथवा पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में वानिकी तथा क्षारीय मिट्टी में सुधार हेतु कोई योजना बनाई गई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन परियोजनाओं के लिए चुने गये जिलों का परियोजना-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) ये परियोजनाएं कितने हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में चलाई जायेंगी;

(ङ) ये योजनाएं कब तक कार्यान्वित की जायेंगी; और

(च) इन योजनाओं से लाभान्वित होने वाले व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है?

प्रधान मंत्री के कार्यालय और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (ग्रामीण भूमि विकास विभाग) (कर्नल राम सिंह) (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Schemes to Promote use of Hindi Language

4853. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Science and Technology have chalked out any plan to promote the use of Hindi Language in its administration and other wings.

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(c) what are the various schemes formulated and being implemented by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) To promote the use of Hindi Language in the administration and other wings of Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry follows the plan prescribed by the Department of Official Language (M/O Home Affairs) in its